

REMARKS:

Status of Claims

Claims 1-11, 15-16, and 19-24 were previously pending. By way of this Amendment, claims 19-23 are amended. Thus, claims 1-11, 15-16, and 19-24 are currently pending with claims 1, 15, and 19 being independent.

Summary of Office Action

In the October 30, 2006, Office action the Examiner rejected claims 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and allowed claims 1-11, 15-16, and 24 (*See Office Action, p.3*).

Interview Summary

Applicant's representative held a telephone interview with Examiner Brinich. Applicant and his representative wish to thank the Examiner for his courteous and professional demeanor during the interview. During the interview, the Examiner suggested the presently proposed amendments to claims 19-23 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 19-23 are amended herein to recite a "computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program" to clarify they are drawn to the computer readable medium as recommended by the Examiner. The Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is therefore respectfully traversed.

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Applicant believes all pending claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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